

Richmond Automobile News

STEAL 83 AUTOMOBILES IN RICHMOND THIS YEAR

Thefts of Cars in Twenty Cities Are Reported to Total 31,861 for 1919.

DYER LAW REDUCES LOSSES

In 1918 City Loses Eighty-Eight Machines, but Police Make Sixty-One Recoveries—Drastic Federal Statute Helps Combat Evil.

Eighty-three automobiles have been stolen in Richmond already this year, according to figures compiled by the Richmond Police Department from the special theft reports made by Police Headquarters. Of this number the department has recovered fifty-five leaving completely lost twenty-eight. However, the department has hopes of recovering some of these cars yet.

In 1919 the department had reported to it the theft of 212 automobiles, and recovered or the owners recovered, 155. Many of these cars were found abandoned by the thieves, far out on country roads stripped of their furnishings, tires, lamps and everything movable.

During 1918 stolen cars reported to the police numbered eighty-eight, of which number sixty-one were recovered and restored to their owners.

There were 21,849 automobiles stolen in nineteen "index" cities of the United States in 1919 compared to 25,615 in the same cities in 1918, according to figures compiled by the National Automobile Dealers' Association. This is an increase of 23.5 per cent. The figures were obtained from the official reports of the police departments of the cities concerned. Of the 21,849 stolen in 1919, 23,322 were recovered, 74.1 per cent. Of the 25,615 stolen in 1918, 20,202 were recovered, 78.8 per cent.

Cars stolen which were not recovered were valued at approximately \$5,110,000 in 1919, and at \$5,658,360 in 1918.

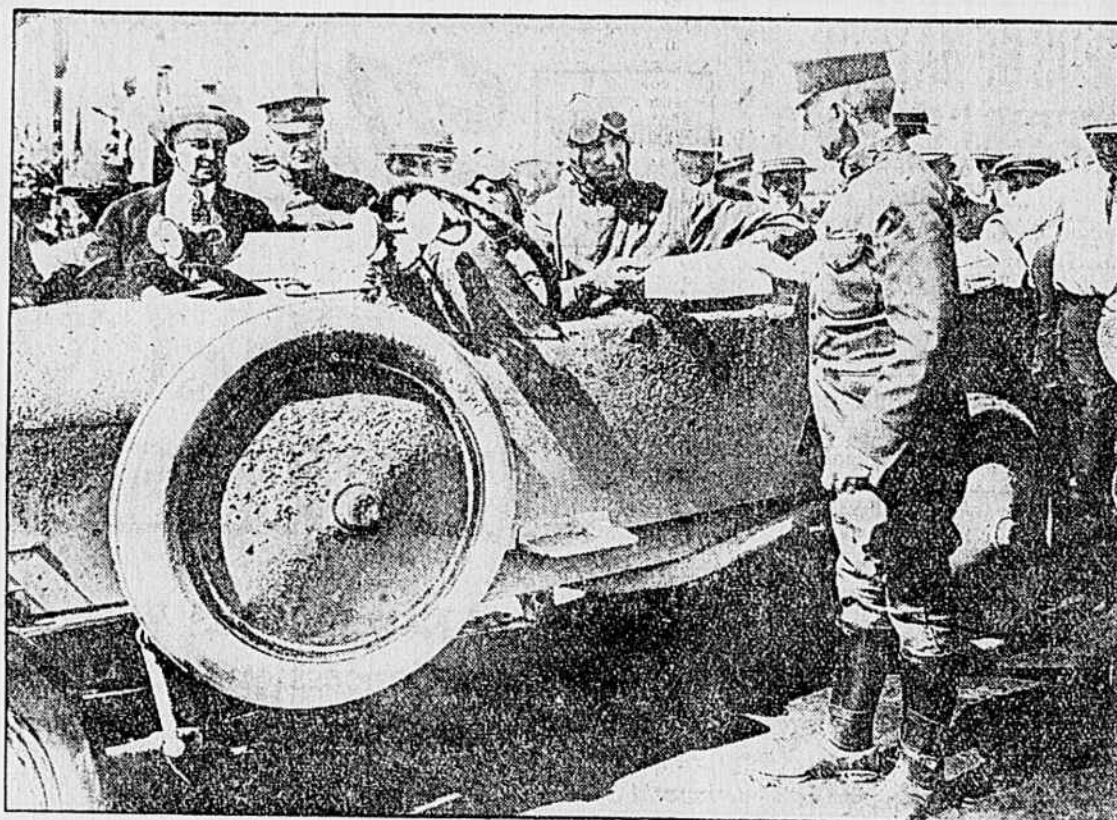
New York Leads. New York again led the cities in cars stolen with 5,527 in 1919 against 5,340 in 1918, an increase of 3.3 per cent. St. Louis was the only large city where the number was less than in 1918. This is accounted for by a vigorous law enforcement campaign against automobile thieves by the circuit attorney's office. Sentences up to twenty years have been assessed in St. Louis for the theft of an automobile.

The detailed list follows:

	Stolen	Recovered
Richmond	83	55
New York	5,527	1,919
Chicago	4,417	1,417
Detroit	3,238	1,038
Cleveland	2,238	738
Los Angeles	1,961	661
Kansas City	1,849	649
Portland, Ore.	1,243	443
San Francisco	1,134	394
St. Louis	1,127	1,034
Seattle	1,122	1,034
Indianapolis	1,067	367
Boston	1,062	362
San Jose	1,051	351
Oakland, Cal.	761	261
San Antonio	751	251
Columbus, Ohio	741	241
Cincinnati	731	231
Oklahoma City	721	221
Total	21,849	23,322

General reduction in the number of automobiles stolen expected during 1920 because of the fact that interstate transportation of stolen automobiles is made a Federal offense.

Templar Once More Smashes the Transcontinental Record



Monte Stone, Inc., of this city, received the following telegram yesterday from Cleveland: Templar again victorious; smashed transcontinental road record against time New York to Los Angeles, 162 hours elapsed time, 6 days 17 hours 33 minutes 14 seconds, breaking best previous record by 18 hours 18 minutes 46 seconds; averaged 21.9 miles per hour hundreds of miles; heavy adobe mud, cloudbursts and washed-out roads.

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MANY AUTOISTS DO NOT KNOW WHAT KEEPS AIR IN THE TIRE

Little Plunger Located Inside Valve Stem and Strong Enough to Withstand 125-Pound Pressure Attends to This Very Important Detail.

Motorists are often puzzled to know what keeps the air in the tire. A sensitive little mechanism, commonly called the plunger, and strong enough to hold back air pressures as high as seventy to 125 pounds to the square inch, functions here. This little valve, which consists of a plunger about an inch long, a bit of spring and rubber, is responsible for the well being of the tire.

It is located inside the valve stem, and seats against a treaded metal cone. It should never be removed unless absolutely necessary. When it is taken out, it should not be replaced unless all the parts are in perfect working order. When inflating a tire the motorist sometimes accidentally bends the wire plunger, throwing the valve working parts out of line. Sometimes it becomes corroded; sometimes dirty or misplaced. When thus handicapped, it cannot perform properly its duties of keeping the air in the tire.

At the top of the valve stem is a small cap which assists the valve which would ordinarily collect there. This cap offers, also, additional protection against air leakage, for it forms an air-tight seal over the stem. But there is a third device which assists in keeping the air in a tire. A lock washer fits under the dust cap, down over the valve, and seats on the part of the wheel to which the spokes are anchored. This hexagonal nut acts as a seal to prevent dirt, water and other foreign substances from creeping past to ruin the inner tube and valve base. Contrary to the usual supposition, it

does not prevent the rim or tire from slipping on the wheel. These three parts are inexpensive, and if they are found to be worn out or out of order they can easily be replaced at a trifling expense. Almost any dealer or garage man will be able to furnish them. Failure to have them examined may cost the motorist many dollars in tire under-inflation, in rim cutting, in bruises and in blowouts.

"AIR FERRY BOAT" HAS DEMONSTRATED VALUE

Records Show Remarkable Achievements During Past Year as a Common Carrier.

[By Universal Service.] PARIS, August 28.—In one year of piloting an "air ferryboat" between London and Paris, Harold Shaw, chief pilot of the Airco, has crossed the channel 247 times. He missed flying on schedule time only once, when fog rendered taking off impossible. In all other weather, rain, sleet, snow, gales—he has made the trip, and he

has never broken a wire nor hurt a passenger. Other records nearly as extraordinary, showing that flying today is as safe, if not safer, than travelling by train or automobile, have been compiled by Airco on their first anniversary.

Pilot Game has piloted air expresses for 8,000 miles and has crossed the channel more than 100 times. Pilot Tebbitt, who was night-flying over London aiding in repelling German raiders during the war, has a record of 25,000 miles flown commercially between London and Paris.

Pilot Robine has a mileage of 22,000 and Pilot Armstrong, who started the first official air mail between Hastings and Hove, has flown 20,000 miles commercially. Other records are Pilot Powell, 21,000 miles, and Pilot Lawford, 17,000 miles. None of these pilots have had a serious accident. In fact, in the whole year of channel flying, when more than 9,000 passengers have been carried, there has been only one fatal accident, in which three were killed, and two minor "crashes," in one of which a passenger was slightly injured.

TIRE GRAVE YARD GROWS BIGGER YEAR BY YEAR

Prices Will Not Be Cheaper and Advance in Price May Be Expected.

Ten million casings to the graveyard of lost auto tire mileage for 1920! So enormous a wastage cannot fail to exercise an influence on tire prices. Indeed, the figure is a conservative one that 50 per cent of the 46,000,000 tires manufactured this year will be sufficiently cared for to permit them to deliver half of the mileage built into them by the makers.

The motorist who is hoping for a price cut that he may buy tires for less than present levels is overlooking this and other factors that determine costs. The law of supply and demand in good tires is operating against reductions and toward higher prices. Manufacturing over-

head and distributing expenses have already been cut to the bone by new and improved machinery and methods. "Before the war" prices already prevailed among most standard makers. Prices are lower now than they were ten years ago. And this does not take into account that tire mileage has more than doubled, and that the cost-per-mile basis is the only way to determine mileage. If mileage were taken into account, actual cost per mile is less than half as much as ten years ago.

With uncertain costs of labor and materials, it is by no means certain that present price levels can long be stabilized. Within the next year there has been only one general price change recorded. Another fact, necessarily affecting tire prices, but directly and indirectly in the road rate increase.

Later every one of the 10,000,000 casings prematurely junked must be replaced with a new tire. With its production cut down temporarily, due to present conditions, the motorist will do well to buy against a possible shortage. He will certainly not get them cheaper, and it may be an advance.

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If you will stop to think it is the inside fabric carcass of your tire—the side walls and the beads—that cost you so much money.

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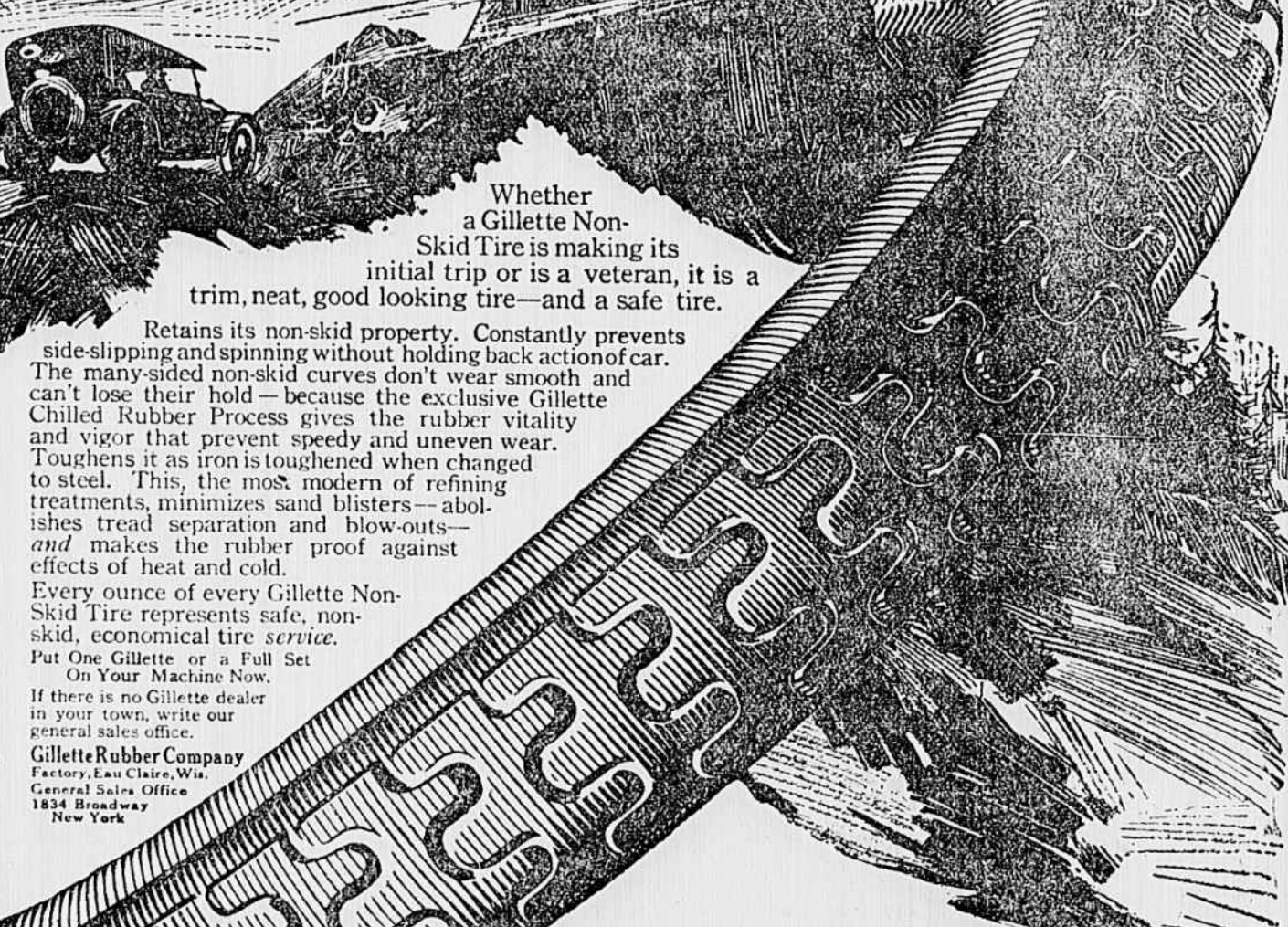
VIRGINIA.	Orange—More Mileage Tire Co.	Rockingham—Linton Tire Co.
Bristol—David Beeler.	Roanoke—Weidner's Tire and Service Station, 29 Luck Ave., S. W.	Rocky Mount—The Gate Tire Station, 108-110 East Thomas Street.
Clifton Forge—Clifton Forge Tire Co., 78 East Main Street.	South Boston—Ballou Motor Co.	Statesville—Statesville Tire and Repair Company.
Danville—Carroll Tire Co., Cor. Union and Patton Streets.	Staunton—E. P. Weaver, 1 South New St.	Wilmington—Quinn & Quinlan.
Farmville—Venable Motor Co., 429 South Main Street.	NORTH CAROLINA.	WEST VIRGINIA.
Fredericksburg—Grogan Motor Company.	Charlotte—W. B. Stroupe Co., Inc., 209 West Fourth Street.	Matoka—B. G. Tilley.
Lynchburg—Tire Service Co., 810 Church Street.	Greensboro—Gulliford Tire and Service Co., 114 North Green Street.	Princeton—White's Tire and Repair Station, 210 More Street.
Newport News—Good Service Tire Co.	Grifton—Grifton Storage Battery Co.	NEW YORK BRANCH.
Norfolk—Tire Service and Vulcanizing Co., York and Duke Streets.	Monroe—Monroe Vulcanizing Works.	Gates Co., Inc., Bush Terminal Building, 83 35th St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
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